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- 1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
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- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. A specification containing:
  - i. 22 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 3 pages of claims (7 claims 2 Independent);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- c. 27 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-8, 9A-9C, 10, 11A-11D, 12-22); and
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